

HAVANA AS WE FIND IT

Cuban City As It Appears to American Eyes.

THE HARBOR FACILITIES

STARVATION OF NATIVES SEEN IN THE STREETS.

The Natural Mahana and the Faculty For Telling Lies Irritates the Yankee—Cost of Living and Opportunity For Making Money—Points of Interest Just Now.

Havana, Sept. 1.—Another army is about to invade Cuba; an army armed with merchandise, in place of guns. Instead of digging trenches, it will build factories and open stores. This American army of peaceful occupation is composed of men who work with money, with their hands or with their heads. Any member of it embarking without enough money to live on for half a year, had better turn back. To come to Cuba penniless just now is like seeking death. One cannot get sustenance out of an orange that has been squeezed by a mailed hand. It takes time to reconstruct that which the war has destroyed. Meanwhile, the point of attack will not be Santiago. The base of supplies will be Cuba's metropolis, Havana. What kind of a place will the invading American find this Havana to be?

DIFFICULTY OF GETTING ASHORE

The steamer drops anchor in the harbor half a mile from shore. Small boats swarm around. In one of these boats the American is rowed ashore. The waters of Havana harbor are always rough. The spray beats the American's baggage, his clothes, his face. He can see plenty of opportunities for the employment of his energies all about. The small boat should be supplied by a tender to meet all incoming steamers, until the harbor is dredged and a dock is built at which ocean steamers can land. The boatman speaks only Spanish. The American speaks only English, and has no time to study lingo. Therefore, Havana must learn to use the tongue of the waves through the spray, the American spies on shore, a great circular building. Instinctively, he knows that it is the arena where matadores have been in the habit of slaying bulls on Sunday afternoons. And forthwith, that arena is doomed. Even the Cubans shall not be permitted to conduct a slaughter-house for public amusement. Thus, with the arrival of the Yankee, a thousand customs of life and trade in Havana will become incongruous. The city will be subjected to a healthful injection of Americanism.

STARVATION IN EVIDENCE

The American steps ashore and into a vettura, a small victoria pulled by a wheezy horse. The streets of any city are full of humiliations for the sensitive spirit; but, on the way to this hotel, the American finds Havana's streets full of sights that more than humiliate. They are sights that inspire indignation against the inhumanity that caused them. These narrow streets are full of abject misery. The carriage brushes against indescribable poverty. Whole

families are huddled together on the pavements. Their homes are the gutters. Little, naked children hold out skeleton-like hands for centavos. Human beings, reconcentrados, wrecks—such is the history of these families. Americans will find all Cuba strewn with these wrecks. For months to come they will block the channels of trade, just as marine wrecks obstruct navigation.

PICTURESQUE STREET SIGHTS.

The vettura turns into another street and the American beholds a man milking a cow in front of a doorway. This is the typical milkman of Havana. He drives his cow from door to door, giving

can, remembering how his own streets are not paved, feels at home. The street is not wide enough for carriages to pass each other. The sidewalk is so narrow that even lovers must walk in Indian file. The American is only 20 miles from the United States shore; yet here are streets more foreign in appearance than those he once traveled 2,000 miles to see in Europe. To enjoy these Havana streets a man must have an eye for the picturesque and the leisure to lounge. The American simply notices that the houses are only two stories high; and he looks reproachfully at the waste of sky-space. During his brief ride, the American

of water and towels. He rings. He rings again. In 15 minutes, more or less, a boy appears and receives the order for the missing requisites. Fifteen minutes later the boy returns with water, and still 20 minutes after that he returns with the towels; the American having broken the bell, meanwhile, with his frantic ringing. The Yankee's troubles have begun. He is in the land of manana, of tomorrow, of any time excepting now. No injection of Yankeeism will ever cure the Cuban of his indifference to the clock. The invading American discovers, almost immediately, that all Cubans view him with suspicion, because years of oppression

MUST LEARN HAVANA'S WAY OF LIVING.

Now the Yankee looks for lodgings. He finds he can get a fair apartment for \$10 a month, and the best to be had for \$20. Coffee in the mornings is thrown in. Every morning he will be awakened by a man standing over him with a huge cup of coffee, made as only a Cuban can make it. That is all the Yankee gets in the way of food until breakfast, at 11. He begins the day's work with a clear head. If he sleeps after 8 a. m. he loses the loveliest part of the day. The American must learn

senoritas coat their faces with powder, as with a ghastly mask. They know more about powders for the complexion than about baking powder. At social gatherings the Yankee will find that the senoritas lace so tightly that many of them, after dancing in Cuba, fall in a dead faint. In Cuba, the national dance, the dancer turns round and round on a single spot, a more lively step being precluded by the climate. The Yankee will find that Cuban girls of fourteen have finished their education. They can read and write, embroider and play on a very bad piano—there are no good pianos in Cuba. These same Cuban girls, however, speak two languages, of which American girls know only the dialect. These are, the language of the fan and that of the eye. They have been obliged to cultivate these languages, because the duenna forbids the proper use of the tongue. The American will look the Cuban women over, and then write home: "There are no pretty Cuban girls. They are either very beautiful or very homely. If beauty consisted only of eyes and hair, the women of no nation would be so universally beautiful as these senoritas and senoritas. The Cuban women past 25 are usually either fat and gross, or lean and gawky. They wear fire-flies for jewelry. Under a gauzy dress a hundred fire-flies, similar to our lightning bugs, make a girl look as though her gown was studded with diamonds."

A TRAVELING BOARDING HOUSE.

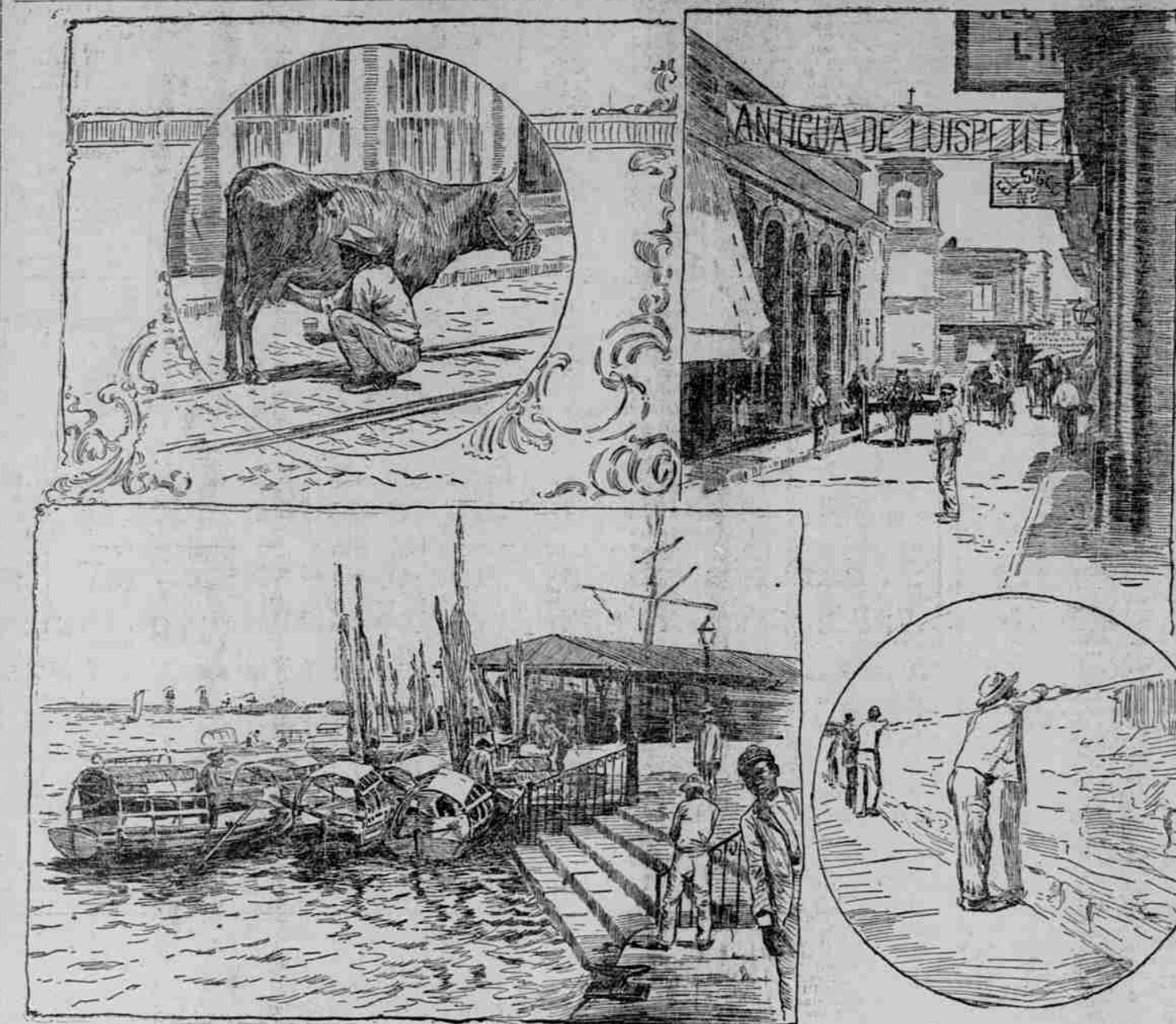
After the invading American has been in Havana one week, he writes: "In the homes all cooks and servants are men. Kitchen refuse is thrown into the street, where it is consumed by those black and dreadful scavengers, called buzzards. If you do not want home cooking, you pay \$1 monthly and have the canteno, or canteen boy, serve you daily with two square meals; breakfast at 11, dinner at 1. The cantenos carry meals to huts and shacks. Food is thus sent out from a central kitchen. Instead of delivering a loaf, the bakery delivers a whole meal. Every well regulated house has a porter, called portero. When the master goes out he tells the portero which of the ladies are to be permitted to leave the house during his absence. A servant is called by clapping the hands. This comes of having doors and windows always wide open. Clerks are getting \$8 a month. We cannot employ Cubans. They are as untrustworthy and as unreliable as ever. They want to sleep away the afternoon. They are always embracing each other like women and Spaniards. Cubans who were pleading poverty during the war are digging up their strong boxes. When a Cuban gives alms to a beggar, he raises his hat, for he gives to God. A funeral is an affair as gorgeous as an American circus. The pall-bearers wear costumes that might have been hired from a comic opera company; and the hearse is decked out like a van chartered for a picnic."

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TYPICAL HAVANA SCENES—THE MILKMAN—NARROW SIDEWALKS—CRUDE LANDING FACILITIES—THE LOUNGERS.

ing to each housewife the exact quantity of milk desired. The days of this milkman's prosperity are numbered. In a few weeks milk wagons, gorgeous in paint of many colors, will be rushing through the streets. The American milkman will have supplanted the Cuban and his cow.

The carriage rolls on, or, rather, rocks and pitches on, like a ship in a storm. For the street, like a sea, has billows and troughs. But the American

sees a great many negroes. He does not know it, but of every three people in Cuba, one is a negro. These negroes are growing. Their growth is sinister. "We did the fighting," they say, "and now we want some of the rewards, some representation in the independent government gained by our fighting."

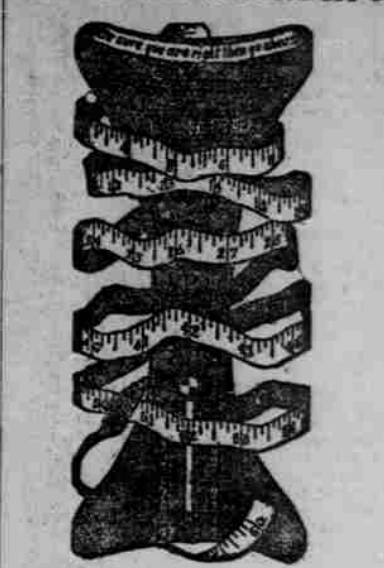
Eventually, the Yankee arrives at his hotel and is shown to a room with a stone floor, a high ceiling and a dearth

in Havana to keep Havana hours. That is, his working day is from 7 to 11 and from 1 to 5.

WOMEN POWDER AND LACE.

This subject of Uncle Sam will invade the Cuban home and find the women sitting all day in rocking chairs, stroking the feathers of their parrots, smoking cigarettes or doing nothing. They walk with awkward gait, for they walk not enough and wear shoes that are too short. Senoras and

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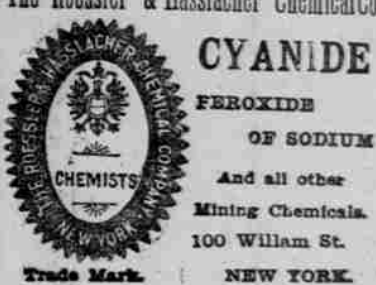
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Junior Reefer and Double-breasted School Suits, in chevrons, tweeds and worsteds, plain and fancy; some double seat and knee, ages 4 to 8 and 4 to 16, worth \$3.00. Sale \$1.78

Lot 3 at \$2.29 a Suit

Boys' Double-breasted Knee Pants Suits, also Reefer and Vestee, the very latest style and cloth, ages 4 to 8 and 4 to 16, worth \$3.75, sale \$2.29

Lot 4 at \$2.48 a Suit

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Lot 9 at \$4.72 a Suit

All wool School Suits, in reefer, vestee and double-breasted sacks; some double seat and knee; fine styles, ages 4 to 8 and 4 to 14; worth \$6.50. Sale \$4.72

Lot 10 at \$5.68 a Suit

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Youths' Satin Calf, Spring Heel Shoes, lace or button, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$2.25, for this sale, a pair \$1.39

Boys' Satin Oil Calf Lace Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, regular price \$2.00, for this sale, a pair \$1.59

Boys' Calf Lace Shoes, finest quality, worth \$2.75, for this sale, a pair \$2.15

Misses' Oil Grain School Shoes, spring heel, button, worth \$1.40, for this sale, a pair \$1.09

Misses' Pebble Goat Spring Heel, Button Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$2.00, for this sale, a pair \$1.39

Youths' Veal Calf Lace Shoes, every pair warranted worth \$1.75, for this sale, a pair \$1.33

Boys' Heavy School Shoes, nailed bottom, warranted, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, worth \$1.75, for this sale, a pair \$1.14

Youths' School Shoes, lace, quilted bottom, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$2.00, for this sale, a pair \$1.49

Boys' Veal Calf Lace Shoes, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, regular \$2.00 shoe, for this sale, a pair \$1.59

Youths' Genuine Calf Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$2.50, for this sale a pair \$1.79